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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2016-0005]

Preparations for the 34th Session of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCEGHS)

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., OSHA will conduct a public meeting to discuss proposals in preparation for the 34th session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCEGHS) to be held December 6 through December 8, 2017, in Geneva, Switzerland. OSHA, along with the U.S. Interagency GHS (Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals) Coordinating Group, plans to consider the comments and information gathered at this public meeting when developing the U.S. Government positions for the UNSCEGHS meeting. OSHA also will give an update on the Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC).

On Tuesday, November 14, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) will conduct a public meeting (See **Docket No. PHMSA-2017-0037 Notice**

No. 2017-06) to discuss proposals in preparation for the 52nd session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCE TDG) to be held November 27 to December 6, 2017, in Geneva, Switzerland. During this meeting, PHMSA is also requesting comments relative to potential new work items that may be considered for inclusion in its international agenda. PHMSA will also provide an update on recent actions to enhance transparency and stakeholder interaction through improvements to the international standards portion of its website.

DATES: Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Both meetings will be held at the DOT Headquarters Conference Center, West Building, Oklahoma City Conference Room, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Times and Locations: PHMSA public meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT, Oklahoma City Conference Room, OSHA public meeting: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT, Oklahoma City Conference Room

Advanced Meeting Registration: The DOT requests that attendees pre-register for these meetings by completing the form at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GHSZ2Q9> .

Attendees may use the same form to pre-register for both meetings. Failure to pre-register may delay your access into the DOT Headquarters building. Additionally, if you are attending in-person, arrive early to allow time for security checks necessary to access the building.

Conference call-in and “Skype meeting” capability will be provided for both meetings. Specific information on such access will be posted when available at:

<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/regs/international>, under **Upcoming Events**. This information will also be posted on OSHA's Hazard Communication website on the international tab at:

https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/hazcom_international.html#meeting-notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

At the Department of Transportation, please contact: Mr. Steven Webb or Mr. Aaron Wiener, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590, telephone: (202) 366-8553.

At the Department of Labor, please contact: Ms. Maureen Ruskin, OSHA Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Department of Labor, Washington DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-1950, email: ruskin.maureen@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The OSHA Meeting: OSHA is hosting an open informal public meeting of the U.S. Interagency GHS Coordinating Group to provide interested groups and individuals with an update on GHS-related issues and an opportunity to express their views orally and in writing for consideration in developing U.S. Government positions for the upcoming UNSCEGHS meeting.

General topics on the agenda include:

- Review of Working/Informal papers
- Correspondence Group updates
- Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) Update

Information on the work of the UNSCEGHS, including meeting agendas, reports, and documents from previous sessions, can be found on the United Nations Economic

Commission for Europe (UNECE) Transport Division website located at the following web address: http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_welcome_e.html

The UNSCEGHS bases its decisions on Working Papers. The Working Papers for the 34th session of the UNSCEGHS are located at:

<https://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c42017.html>.

Informal Papers submitted to the UNSCEGHS provide information for the Subcommittee and are used either as a mechanism to provide information to the Subcommittee or as the basis for future Working Papers.

In addition to participating at the Public meeting, interested parties may submit comments on the Working and Informal Papers for the 34th session of the UNSCEGHS to the docket established for International/Globally Harmonized System (GHS) efforts at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket No. OSHA-2016-0005.

The PHMSA Meeting: The Federal Register notice and additional detailed information relating to PHMSA's public meeting will be available upon publication at:

<http://www.regulations.gov> (Docket No. PHMSA-2017-0037, Notice No. 2017-06), and on the PHMSA website at: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/regs/international>.

PHMSA will host the meeting to gain input from the public concerning proposals submitted to the UNSCE TDG for the 21st Revised Edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations, which may be implemented into relevant domestic, regional, and international regulations beginning January 1, 2021. During this meeting, PHMSA is also soliciting input relative to preparing for the 52nd session of the UNSCE TDG as well as potential new work items that may be considered for inclusion in its international agenda.

Copies of working documents, informal documents, and the meeting agenda may be obtained from the United Nations Transport Division's website at:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html>.

Authority and Signature:

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Signed at Washington, DC, on October 16, 2017.

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